

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

February 16, 2012 6:00 p.m.
State Office Building – Room 400 S

Members Present

Rep. Nora Slawik
Sen. David Senjem
Sen. Chris Eaton
Dr. Kimberly Klein
Jody Manning
Regina Wagner
Heather Hanson
Barb Dalbec
Abbie Wells-Herzog
Idil Abdull
Phil Sievers

Members Absent

Rep. Tara Mack
Dawn Steigauf
Brad Trahan
Member appointed by AAFP (to be determined)
Dr. David Griffin
Renaë Ouillette
Dr. Michael Reiff
Dr. Catherine Pulkinen

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Introductions

Members introduced themselves and expressed why they were interested in sitting on the task force.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

There was discussion on the election of a chair and vice chair of the task force. It was decided that, because several members were not present, voting on a chair would be postponed until the March 1st meeting. Dr. Kimberly Klein was nominated for vice chair by Rep. Slawik and the nomination was approved.

Discussion of Legislation

The task force reviewed the enacting legislation. There was discussion of the duties of the task force and how that relates to the University of Minnesota. It was decided that the task force would like to hear from the University of Minnesota's Region 5 group at the

next meeting. This group has been meeting to discuss ASD and a strategic plan. Amy Hewitt will be contacted and asked to come to the March 1st, 2012 meeting to testify.

Discussion of Report

Idil Abdull gave an overview of the Autism Task Force report submitted to the Legislation on January 15, 2012 by the previous autism task force. There was discussion of the report, as well as a review of the recommendations put forward by the previous task force.

New Business

The task force also decided that they would like to hear from each of the four departments represented on the task force in the coming meetings regarding their ASD efforts. Time permitting, one or more of the departments will present at the next meeting after the task force hears from the University of Minnesota.

Next Meetings

Thursday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Room 400 South of the State Office Building.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.